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Please replace all prior claims in the application with the following:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled)

Claim 28 (New): A stabilized solid composition comprising a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative and a humectant;

wherein the 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative is gabapentin or pregabalin, or a combination thereof, and the humectant is one or more compounds selected from ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, glycerol, glycerol monoacetate, glycerol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol monohexanoate, glycerol monooctanoate, glycerol monodecanoate, and an aliphatic acid ester of a polyglycerol.

Claim 29 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is ethylene glycol.

Claim 30 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is propylene glycol.

Claim 31 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is butylene glycol.

Claim 32 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is sorbitol.

Claim 33 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is glycerol.

Claim 34 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the humectant is glycerol triacetate.

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Claim 35 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the amount of the humectant is 0.01-25 % by weight relative to the 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative.

Claim 36 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, further comprising an auxiliary agent.

Claim 37 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 36, wherein the total amount of the humectant is 0.01-25 % by weight relative to the 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative and the auxiliary agent.

Claim 38 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claims 28, further comprising one or more neutral amino acids.

Claim 39 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 38, wherein the one or more neutral amino acids are L-leucine, L-isoleucine, L-valine, L-alanine, D-leucine, D-isoleucine, D-valine, D-alanine, DL-leucine, DL-isoleucine, DL-valine, DL-alanine or glycine.

Claim 40 (New): The stabilized solid composition of claim 28, wherein the stabilized solid composition is a pharmaceutical preparation in the form of tablets, granules or capsules.

Claim 41 (New): A process for stabilizing a solid composition containing a 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative, the process comprising combining the 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative with a humectant;

wherein the 4-amino-3-substituted butanoic acid derivative is gabapentin or pregabalin, or a combination thereof, and the humectant is one or more compounds selected from ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, butylene glycol, sorbitol, glycerol, glycerol monoacetate, glycerol diacetate, glycerol triacetate, glycerol monohexanoate, glycerol monooctanoate, glycerol monodecanoate, and an aliphatic acid ester of polyglycerol.

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Claim 42 (New): The process of claim 41, further comprising adding a neutral amino acid.

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